

In 1951, Floyd Starr expanded Starr Commonwealth to a campus outside of Van Wert in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Staff members at the Van Wert campus help boys with social, emotional and behavioral problems as they attempt to turn their lives around. In addition, the school is celebrating its one-year anniversary of operating the Montcalm School for Girls. The Montcalm School provides residential treatment for young women who have experienced abuse, depression, behavioral or academic problems.

The services provided by Starr Commonwealth and the Montcalm School are good for our children and good for our society. Students who attend the Montcalm School have fallen off the path in life and need our assistance to become productive members of society once again. These students have engaged in activities which warrant our attention but they also possess a passion to be rehabilitated. By attending the Montcalm School, students are provided with a therapeutic environment to allow them to grow as individuals and avoid a life of delinquency. The school boasts a 95 percent success rate and has given back to our society those who had before been forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, it is not everyday that we can recognize programs which provide such an important service to our community as Starr Commonwealth. In Van Wert, citizens of the Fifth District have committed to protecting and rehabilitating our children through the Montcalm School. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Starr Commonwealth for its commitment to a better America. As all who benefit from Starr Commonwealth gather to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Montcalm School, I am confident that the services provided in Van Wert will continue to better our society into the future.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE LATE HOWARD BEAVER

**HON. RAUL M. GRIJALVA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2005*

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, it is with regret and deep sadness that I rise to honor Howard Beaver, a resident of Tucson, AZ, who passed away on October 3, 2005. For over 27 years he sold or rented thousands of musical instruments to Tucson children. I myself bought my first harmonica at his store. He was a pillar of Tucson society, an impassioned musician, beloved husband, father, and grandfather.

Howard Beaver was born in Beaver, AR, and raised in Odessa, TX. He moved to Tucson in 1949 for his freshman year at the University of Arizona, where he received his bachelor's degree in music. He later went on to earn a master's degree from Northern Arizona University.

Howard opened Beaver's Band Box in 1964, a music store where he rented and sold instruments as well as provided music lessons. In 1991 he sold the store to his son, Dan, who then proceeded to open a second Beaver's Band Box.

He was a very dynamic member of the Tucson music community; in 1966 he founded Beaver's Tucson Concert Band, was influential

in the beginning of the UA alumni band and was active in many community bands.

Howard's life was filled with music and family, two things that were very important to him. His love of music began early in life, with his first Trombone in seventh or eighth grade, though he would later know how to play them all. The other love of his life was family. He is survived by his wife Liz, five children (Dan, Heidi, Carl, Krista, and Erica) and 15 grandchildren.

#### TRIBUTE TO HISPANICS ACHIEVING AND CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

**HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2005*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Ms. Lucia Alfaro, Ms. Cristina Cartagena, Ms. Amanda Gonzalez, Ms. Genesis Melendez, Ms. Daniela Ortiz Bahamonde, Mr. Esteban Pacheco, Ms. Sylvia Roman, Mr. Enrique Sanchez, Ms. Elizabeth Zamora, Mr. David Hernandez, Ms. Mayra Jara, Mr. Josue Malaver, Ms. Sufeilly Rohena, Ms. Linette Serrano, Mr. Nolberto Alvarenga, Mr. Angel Amaral, Mr. Eric Familia, Mr. Karl Gonzalez, Ms. Makisha Rodriguez, Mr. Cruz Rosado, Mr. Benito Vega, Ms. Katherine Cortes, Ms. Carol Esparza, Mr. Narcisco Fernandez, Mr. Miguel Fuentes, Ms. Jessica Perez, Mr. Eric Sanchez, and Ms. Christina Gonzalez. These fine young people from the city of Worcester have recently been recognized at the annual HACE Youth Awards and Recognition Dinner.

The Hispanics Achieving and Celebrating Excellence Committee, HACE, was created in 1985 by the faculty and staff at Quinsigamond Community College. The goal of HACE is to raise community awareness of the richness of Hispanic culture. The organization recognizes the achievements of young people, provides positive role models, and encourages youths to focus on education. Honorees are nominated by school principals, teachers, coaches, community leaders and agencies. Along with the honor, each student receives a scholarship.

Each year, HACE holds an annual dinner to recognize youth leaders. The honorees from this year's annual dinner, include 28 students from Worcester high schools. These select few have distinguished themselves in five categories: the arts, athletics, academics, community service and/or leadership. This year's honorees will receive a gift in the amount of \$200, as an incentive and encouragement to continue along the path of excellence.

Over a span of 20 years, HACE is proud to have given monetary awards totaling over \$57,000 in recognition of the achievements each honoree has accomplished.

The committee members who dedicate themselves to coordinating HACE include Ms. Maria Addison, Ms. Olga Lopez-Hill, Mr. John Rodriguez, Mr. Dan de la Torre, Ms. Susan Laprade, Ms. Brenda Safford, Ms. Kirshner Donis, Ms. Viviana Troche, Honorable Harriette Chandler, Ms. Maria Florez, Mr. Javier Salort, Mr. Albert Vasquez, and Ms. Dolly Vazquez.

I am sure all my colleagues and fellow constituents will join me in applauding the accom-

plishments of these young leaders, and praise HACE for the great service they perform in the city of Worcester.

#### TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT ANDREW JOSEPH DERRICK

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2005*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Sgt. Andrew Joseph Derrick of Columbia, South Carolina died in Baghdad, Iraq on September 25, 2005. I am greatly saddened by his death and humbled by his sacrifice. As citizens throughout our community continue to cope with this tragic loss, my thoughts and prayers will remain with Sgt. Derrick's family, his friends and his fellow service members.

The following obituary was published in The State newspaper on Saturday, October 1, 2005.

Joseph was a loving son, brother and fiancé. Known for his positive attitude and playfulness, he was able to uplift the spirits of everyone he encountered. He was a superlative soldier and a man of honor and integrity. As a man of strong Christian faith, he was selfless, giving, kind, tenderhearted and never afraid to share the hope he had in Christ. He now rests in eternal peace with his Savior.

Sgt. Derrick died Sunday, September 25, 2005, while stationed in Baghdad, Iraq. Born in Columbia, he was a son of Suzanne McCormick Shealy and Andrew Carroll "Butch" Derrick. He was a 1998 graduate of Marion Military Institute and attended Francis Marion University. While a student at Marion Military Institute, Joseph played and lettered in Varsity football, baseball and basketball. He was named the Class of 1998's "Best All Round Athlete" and was named to the State of Alabama's All Star Baseball Team in 1998.

During his military career, Joseph graduated from the Primary Leadership Development Course and was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Achievement Medal (with one Oak Leaf Cluster), the National Defense Service Ribbon, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terror Medal, the Korean Defense Service medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Combat Action Badge, the Marksmanship Badge, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal.

Surviving are his mother, Suzanne "Suzy" McCormick Shealy of Columbia; stepfather, Carey William Shealy of Columbia; brother, William James Shealy of Columbia; sister, Elizabeth Anne Shealy of Columbia; father, Butch Derrick of Columbia and his wife, Deborah R. Derrick; half sister, Chelsea Campbell Derrick and Austin Reid Royal; paternal grandmother, Barbara Jean Shealy of Columbia; maternal aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. L. Stephen Quatannens (Jo Anne) of Campobello, S.C.; Shealy paternal aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield Milling Howard (Rebecca) of Surfside Beach, S.C.; paternal uncle, Robert William Derrick of Columbia; paternal aunt, Barbara Rainey of Greensboro, Ga.; first cousins, Mrs. Jamey Scheuch (Andrea), Mrs. Bob Elder (Catherine) and Mr. Kenneth Whitfield Howard; and numerous second cousins. He is also survived by his fiancée, Miss Shaunna Marie Miller of Phoenix, Ariz.

He was predeceased by his uncle, Kenneth James Shealy; grandparents, Samuel James